

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Back Creek. Back Creek is identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. The 2002 303(d) List added an impairment due to violations of the State's water quality standard for the General Standard (Benthic). The Back Creek segment is located in Pulaski County. The impairment is approximately 16.37 miles in length and begins a mile above the Route 636 bridge and ends at the confluence with the New River.

§303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Back Creek TMDL will be held on **Tuesday, September 23, 2003**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dublin Town Hall located at 101 Dublin Park Road in Dublin, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on October 23, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL is enclosed. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Hill. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jason Hill, Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019, telephone (540) 562-6724, Fax (540) 562-6860, or e-mail jrhil@deq.state.va.us.